

PHOENIX HAS ADEQUATE WATER, BUT DON'T WASTE IT

Phoenix has adequate water supplies, but none to waste.

That's the message to customers as the city announced implementation of stage one of its Drought Management Plan in response to the Salt River Project's reduction of water deliveries to the city by one third for 2003.

The city will purchase additional Central Arizona Project water to ensure that customer demands continue to be met.

Phoenix has planned well in advance to purchase and store additional surface water and enhance its well water system, so customers can weather dry times. Additional enhancements to the city's water treatment and distribution, plant management, and water reclamation, technology and conservation programs place the city in a better position than most communities across the country.

Stage one of the management plan requests that customers voluntarily reduce water use by 5 percent. City departments are leading the way by



implementing strategies - enhancement of the leak repair program, less watering of parks and municipal golf courses, turning off decorative fountains - to achieve a mandatory 5 percent reduction in water use.

The city promotes conservation techniques year-round, regardless of the amount of available

water or the existence of drought. It escalated its year-round "Water. Use It Wisely" awareness program last year, and will continue to promote common sense water conservation techniques.

As an individual, you can help in many ways, such as turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth, sweeping sidewalks rather than hosing them down, showering quickly, washing your car less, checking for toilet leaks, and not over-watering native plants.

For more conservation information, visit wateruseitwisely.com or send e-mail to conservation@phoenix.gov. Also, updates of the water supply and answers to drought questions are available at phoenix.gov.

CITY HONORS CESAR CHAVEZ AT LUNCHEON

The late a civil rights and labor leader Cesar E. Chavez will be honored on his birthday, March 31, at a luncheon sponsored by the city.

The luncheon, will feature internationally known actor, musician and singer Daniel Valdez, who will deliver the keynote address, and a member of the Chavez family, who will share memories of the man who led the national struggle against the mistreatment of migrant farm workers.

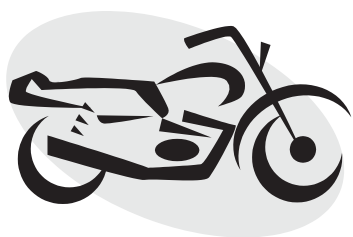


Students from Herrera Fine Arts School and Cesar E. Chavez High School will provide entertainment and art works inspired by Chavez will be on display.

The event takes place a year before the city begins honoring Chavez with a holiday beginning in 2004.

Tickets for the luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at the Phoenix Civic Ballroom, Third and Jefferson streets, are \$40 per person or \$400 per table. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 602-495-0761.

POLICE HOST MOTORCYCLE COMPETITION



Motorcycle police officers from throughout the Southwest will display their riding skills at a competition in Phoenix next month, and raise money for the Special Olympics at the same time.

The Phoenix Police Department will host the Seventh Annual Police Motorcycle Training and Competition beginning at 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday, April 11-12, in the parking lot of the Honeywell plant at Interstate 17 and Bell Road.

Funds raised from business sponsors and entry fees from the 125 officers who are expected to compete will go to the Special Olympics. The competition in Las Vegas last year raised \$60,000 for the charity.

For additional information, visit phoenix.gov/police/motor_1.html or call 602-495-5003.

SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Applications are being accepted for summer jobs for youth who live in Phoenix through the Phoenix Human Services Department Workforce Connection Division.

The city plans to enroll about 940 young people 14 to 18 years old in the Summer Youth Work Experience Program. Participants will be paid an hourly wage of \$5.25 for about 200 hours of work beginning on June 2.

Applications will be available online at phoenix.gov/YOUTH/sumwork.html from March 17 to April 18. They also may be obtained at most schools

and at the South Mountain Community Center, 212 E. Alta Vista Road; Desert West Community Center, 6501 W. Virginia Ave.; Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave.; and the At-Risk Youth Division, 3333 N. Seventh Ave.



Youths will be selected for interviews through a lottery process. Applicants not selected will be notified and their applications will remain on file throughout the 2003 summer program. Once the program has reached its enrollment number, youth will be referred to other employment programs.

For more information, call 602-262-6776 or visit phoenix.gov/YOUTH/sumwork.html.

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP APRIL 24

Fair housing laws will be discussed at a two-hour workshop beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the first floor assembly rooms at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.

To celebrate April as Fair Housing month, the free Equal Opportunity Department workshop will cover how fair housing practices apply to houses, apartments, condominiums and mobile home parks.

Attendance will be limited and registration is suggested. To sign up, call 602-262-7486/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.